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RESUME OF CLYDE HENRY TUOMELA

Clyde H. Tuomela, United States Navy, was born in Houghton, Michigan, on 9 April 1928. He attended Michigan College of Mining in 1946-47 and graduated from Stanford University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

He entered the Naval Service in June 1946 and was commissioned an Ensign in July 1950. As a flying Midshipman he was designated a Naval aviator in November 1949.

His aviator experience includes such diversified activities as flight instructor, special weapons pilot, night fighter pilot, combat fighter pilot, and Navy test pilot. He has over 6000 hours of accident free flight time in 52 different airplanes.



His combat experience includes both Korea and Viet Nam. During Viet Nam, he commanded Fighter Squadron ONE NINETY-ONE flying Crusaders (F8's) on deployments in USS TICONDEROGA and USS ORISKANY (1968-69). His combat decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and seven Air Medals.

Other significant assignments include All Weather Flight School, flight instructor (1952-55), Fighter Squadron 41, night fighter pilot (1955-57); USS Ranger CCA Officer (1959-61); Naval Air Test Center, project officer and test pilot (1961-64); Air Development Squadron FOUR, Executive Officer and project pilot (1964-66); Commander Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet, Fighter Class Desk (1967); Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron 191 (1968-69); Naval Air Test Center F-14 Program Manager (1969-71). His last assignment was the Naval Air System Command Deputy Project Manager F-14 Test and Evaluation, Point Mugu.

He is a graduate of the Naval War College (1971), Naval Test Pilot School (1961), and holds a Master's degree from The George Washington University (1971). He is an active member in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

In March 1974 he reported to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, as Director, Aviation Safety Programs.